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              DIALOGUE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 29, 2002 please amend the application as

follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE the claims as follows:

1.   (Amended) A system comprising:

a speech recognition processor that receives unconstrained input speech and outputs a

string of words that can include a numeric language comprising a set of digits relevant for

interpreting and understanding a set of number strings; and

a numeric understanding processor containing classes of rules for converting the string of

words into a sequence of digits.